

his cooperation, his leadership, and his dispatch.

Mr. BAKER. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. CALLAHAN. I yield to the gentleman from Louisiana.

Mr. BAKER. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman for yielding. As he knows, I have an amendment pending relative to the Panama Canal.

Given the gentleman's concerns with regard to the impact of the amendment and the timeliness of its consideration, there are approximately 30 Members who have expressed interest in the issues raised by this amendment in that with the abandonment of the United States' military presence in that theater, many of us are concerned about the threat of drugs coming through Panama into our Nation, as well as the inability of us to appropriately respond in the case of international defense needs.

For that reason, I was hoping to condition an appropriation in this act, to predicate it upon the good faith negotiations between the Government of Panama and the Government of the United States to allow the reinitiation of military presence, either at Howard Air Force Base or whatever appropriate location may be determined.

In light of the chairman's concerns about the consequences of this amendment, I will not offer the amendment, but wish to seek the chairman's agreement and assistance as this bill moves forward to seek whatever manner or remedy may be available to us to initiate discussions for the reestablishment of some military presence within the country.

I thank the chairman for his courtesies in yielding to me.

Mr. CALLAHAN. Reclaiming my time, Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman, and we will be happy to work with the gentleman to achieve his goals, because we share them.

VACATING REQUEST FOR RECORDED VOTE ON AMENDMENT NO. 23 OFFERED BY MR. TRAFICANT

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Chairman, with regard to my heretofore discussed amendment No. 23, I ask unanimous consent that the request for a recorded vote be vacated.

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

The CHAIRMAN. The amendment is not agreed to.

Mr. CALLAHAN. I move to strike the last word, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. CALLAHAN. I yield to the gentleman from Ohio.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Chairman, I would ask for a brief colloquy with the chairman relative to that issue, and ask the chairman, if he would, to see what would be possible to offer some remedy within reasonable means that might meet the effects of Congress.

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Chairman, I certainly will work with the gentleman

from Ohio to try to find some legislative solution to the problems that exist with the Palestinian Authority and the gentleman's company from Ohio, because I happen to believe that the gentleman's company from Ohio has a substantial claim that should be paid by the Palestinian Authority, if indeed there is a way to do it.

Mr. TRAFICANT. If the gentleman will yield further, I do not want in any way the form of that discussion to have any overtones on the importance of what is happening in the talks between Israel and the Palestinian Authority. I will defer to the good judgment of the chairman.

I thank the chairman for his consideration.

AMENDMENT NO. 24 OFFERED BY MR. TRAFICANT

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment No. 24 offered by Mr. TRAFICANT:

At the end of the bill, insert after the last section (preceding the short title) the following new title:

TITLE VII—ADDITIONAL GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 701. No funds in this bill may be used in contravention of the Act of March 3, 1933 (41 U.S.C. 10a et seq.; popularly known as the "Buy American Act").

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the order of the House of Wednesday, July 12, 2000, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT).

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, the amendment simply prohibits money in the bill that would be used to fund any action that would contravene the Buy American Act.

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. TRAFICANT. I yield to the gentleman from Alabama.

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Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) for yielding. We accept his amendment.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Chairman, I yield as much time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI), the ranking member of the committee.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Chairman, we accept the amendment and support the amendment.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Chairman, I urge an aye vote; and, Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIRMAN. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT).

The amendment was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 48 OFFERED BY MS. KAPTUR

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment No. 48 offered by Ms. KAPTUR:
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OFFERED BY: MS. KAPTUR

Page 132, after line 12, insert the following:

TITLE VII—ADDITIONAL GENERAL PROVISIONS

LIMITATION ON ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF UKRAINE

SEC. 701. The amount otherwise provided by this Act for assistance to the Government of Ukraine under the heading "ASSISTANCE FOR THE INDEPENDENT STATES OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION", is hereby reduced by an amount equal to the amount of any claim outstanding on the date of the enactment of this Act by the United States Government, a United States business enterprise, or a United States private and voluntary organization against the Government of Ukraine or any Ukrainian business enterprise.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the order of the House of Wednesday, July 12, 2000, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I reserve a point of order.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) reserves a point of order.

The gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 5 minutes on her amendment.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, this amendment basically is a limitation amendment, limiting assistance to Ukraine reducing it by an amount equal to the amount of any claim outstanding on the date of enactment of this act, whether that to be a U.S. business enterprise, a U.S. private and voluntary organization against the government of Ukraine, or any Ukrainian business enterprise.

It is my intention, as I discuss this, to draw attention to the lack of resolution on claims by Land O'Lakes and Pioneer and other such claims.

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Chairman, will the gentlewoman yield?

Ms. KAPTUR. I yield to the gentleman from Alabama.

Mr. CALLAHAN. Mr. Chairman, I was of the impression that the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) and I, in the essence of time, I sought recognition to strike the last word to give her the ability to, I thought, express her views on this subject, which as the gentlewoman full well knows, is going to be ruled out of order, and in the essence of time I would ask the gentlewoman to keep her comments brief so we can get out of Dodge.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chairman, reclaiming my time, I do intend to keep them brief, but we entered into a colloquy and I appreciate the gentleman's forbearance on that, but this was in the form of an amendment.

I wanted to use the opportunity to speak about the lack of repayment by Ukraine of various debts that are owed